

Remarks

The following remarks are responsive to the rejections in the Office Action dated November 12, 2009.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-12, 18, 20, and 22 are pending. Claims 13-15 and 19 were withdrawn per election in response to a restriction requirement, but have been rejoined. Claims 16, 17 and 21 have been canceled previously. Claims 13, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 22 are amended herein; new claim 23 is added.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 13, 14 and 15 are amended to correct antecedent basis for dependency from “a composite” to “an electronic device”. Claim 18 is amended to delete certain device types from the group of devices enumerated, so that the device group tracks the device types disclosed at page 23, line 33 to page 24, line 10. Claim 19 is amended to independent form and includes claim elements also recited in claim 1. Claim 22 is amended to specify that there is further at least one additional layer interposed between the first layer and the second layer of the composite forming the buffer layer (see page 22, lines 16-19 and original claim 21, now canceled).

New claim 23 depends from claim 18 and specifies that the devices enumerated therein contain at least one thiophene as the doped polymer. See page 23, lines 33-36.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112[2]

The amendments to claims 13, 14, and 15 in the preamble of each correct the antecedent basis for proper dependency. Claim 18 has been amended to specify the device types recited in the specification, and to eliminate any redundancy. Claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form since the Office Action stated that this claim was not a proper dependent claim.

These rejections have been overcome by amendment, and the rejections should be withdrawn accordingly.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claim 22 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0102577 A1 to Hsu et al. (hereafter “Hsu”).

Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome by the amendment to Claim 22 incorporating the subject matter of Claim 21, which was previously indicated as allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Should there be any questions about the content of this paper or the status of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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